

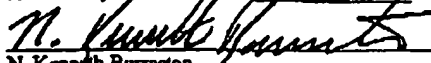
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(C) TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE**To Whom It May Concern:**

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c) that the above-identified patent application be withdrawn from issue to consider Applicants' request for continued examination of the application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2). A Request For Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted herewith. The RCE includes an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") citing U.S. Patent No. 6,674,627 to Kund (the "Kund patent"). Applicants previously filed an IDS citing a German language European patent document (EP 1098200) that corresponds to the Kund patent. Applicants only recently, however, became aware of the English language Kund patent issued in the U.S., and Applicants believe that the English language Kund patent should be brought to the Examiner's attention. Applicants believe that allowing the Examiner to consider the English language Kund patent constitutes good and sufficient reason for withdrawing the application from issue.

Note that the IDS submitted herewith also cites JP 09-5358 and WO 01/69274. The citation of those documents, however, does not form the grounds supporting withdrawal of the application from issue. Rather, as discussed above, citation of the Kund patent forms the grounds supporting withdrawal of the application from issue.

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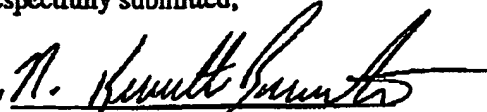
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For the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified patent application be withdrawn from issue and prosecution reopened in accordance with the RCE submitted herewith to allow the Examiner to consider the English language Kund patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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